Docket No. 1046.1133/HBW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Makoto YOSHIOKA, et al.

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For: CONTENT SALES PERIOD VERIFYING SYSTEM

AND CONTENT DECRYPTION KEY EFFECTIVE

PERIOD VERIFYING SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 9, 1998 and having a response due on January 9, 1999, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, line 5, after "comprise" insert --a--. Page 5, line 14, change "storing" to line 15, after "comprise" insert to line 15, after "comprise" to line 16

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

(TWICE AMENDED) A storage device readable by a

computer comprising:[,]

means for storing a content including a period concerning the content and a program executed by the computer. wherein said program [which]:

reads the period;